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**WHAT PREMIER SIFTON HAS
DONE**
(Albertan)

With the decision of the Privy Council in the case of Alberta against the Royal Bank, the province is at last freed from the im-
pudent and reckless bargain which the predecessors of the present government made with some railway adventurers. It is true that the decision was nominally not in favor of the province, but the province's contentions in the main were upheld by the courts. It matters but little whether or not the province is unable to take the place of the default company as a borrower or certain money from certain English bondholders. The province can get money under ordinary circumstances at better rates. The main thing is that the province is completely and absolutely freed from the A. & G. W., the construction company, the Royal Bank, and all other such concerns. The government has parted company with all the embarrassing entanglements—a legacy from the preceding government—which have been hanging like a dark threatening cloud about the province.

The province starts out again without any A. & G. W. appendage. Now let us consider the part that Premier Sifton has taken in the proceedings, and what he has done for the province. The province, though bad administration and sad bungling, was in a chaotic condition when he, at some sacrifice, consented to take hold of affairs and straighten matters out. His first and most important move was to rescind the A. & G. W. act and foreclose the agreement which it had with the province. And that was the serious and important act. Whatever else the government did was a mere detail to this master stroke of riding the province of this connection. The Privy Council decided that the province was quite within its rights in passing such legislation.

And that was the basis of the fight in the legislature. The government refused to compromise in this matter. It started out to rid the province of an encumbrance and it succeeded. It would not deal with the Clarks. It ran the risk of defeat rather than yield an inch in this policy. The government was not to be bullied or wheedled. It took the straight course and the province has cut loose from the Clarks and the A. & G. W., and has lost but little, if anything, in doing so.

Premier Sifton started out to unravel the tangle, and he has done it, and at the least possible cost, without sacrificing any of the money or the honor of the province. He accomplished it all in the shortest possible time, in the quickest possible way, without any blaring of trumpets or undue demonstration. He has placed the province on high ground.

The Sifton government has made good. It is a credit to the province. It has had to encounter, both within and without, the hardest kind of obstacles and merciless and unfair opposition. It has triumphed over all, and faces the country stronger and better than at any previous time, and stronger than any previous government.

PARADOXICAL!
(Herald)

The Sifton government, after several hours of consideration, has come to the marvelous conclusion that its defeat before the Privy Council is not a defeat at all. The Morning Albertan of Calgary, one of the most truly subservient political organs in the Dominion, promptly adjusts its views to that of Premier Sifton, and announces in a lengthy editorial the wonderful conclusion at which its chief has arrived.

"Paradoxical as it may seem," remarks The Albertan, "the decision of the Privy Council is to the advantage of the province." Cannot we imagine the spasm that has been necessary in order to evolve such a paradox? Doused in the ice-cold water of political catastrophe, the premier and his organ came back slowly to the surface, splurging and spluttering as they reached the air: "Come on in, the water's fine!"

The province passed an act declaring that \$7,400,000 advanced by bond holders in England to build a railway should be taken out of the bank in which it had been deposited and applied "to the general revenues of the province." There is no doubt about that.

The province issued a cheque on the Royal Bank for the money it was holding for those bond holders, namely, six millions of dollars. There is no doubt about that.

The bank refused to honor the cheque, although it held the money in trust for the bond holders, and that the province could not subvert it from the purpose for which it had been advanced. There is no doubt about that.

The province sued the Royal Bank for the money and won in the lower courts. There is no doubt about that.

The bank appealed to the highest court in the empire, which reversed the judgment and granted its appeal with costs against the province. As regards the claim of the province concerning these funds, the Privy Council did not leave Mr. Sifton a leg to stand on. There is no doubt about that.

And now, "paradoxical as it may seem," the province of Alberta did not lose after all. Truly the contrivances of a moribund and disgraced administration are fearful and wonderful to behold.

Meantime it may be remarked that Premier Sifton had an act passed through the Alberta legislature enabling him to borrow \$7,400,000 pending his being able to get hold of the money in the Royal and other banks. He borrowed the \$7,400,000 on short term notes of the province. Now he cannot get hold of the money, and the province must hustle for some other way to pay these notes. There is no doubt about that.

"Paradoxical as it may seem," to Mr. Sifton and his political organs, the people of Alberta do not like that kind of financing.

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst is calling for recruits to form a militant skirt brigade to force votes for women? She is going the wrong way, except to force silly victims into jail.

Card parties are so popular in and around the village that we feel a space in the Hustler is due to them. The first of these social gatherings met at the home of Mrs. Frank Walker last week, when it was decided that organization was the only way to keep the ball rolling. They could get along without those who were not invited, but not without organization. The next meeting was held at Mrs. B. Widdup's, where a very pleasant evening was spent and the club organized. This club is travelling under the "busting" name of "The Goats." The neighbors on the other side of the track hearing of the good times the Goats were having, decided to start another club, and as the ladies were behind this movement it was carried out, so they met at the home of Mrs. Albert Ducommun and had a lovely time. They also organized, the necessary officers being elected. The next thing was a suitable name. "Black Sheep" and "Poverty" were voted on. Well, the black sheep were soon out of it as too many of the Goats butted in, so they are travelling under the name of "The Poverty Club." Another class, thinking playing cards was not the proper thing, decided to start something milder. They did not decide on ping-pong, bible class, flinch, or any of those things, but on "crochicicle." We were glad to see so many of the older people join this club. They met at the home of Mrs. Chas. Howard. Sorry to report that Mrs. Elves took the prize away from Dr. Brown by superior playings. This club had to decide on a name, too, so to make the name rhyme with the motive they choose "The Lambs." Simple little things, are they not? These clubs are all out of town so far, but we have one in town travelling under the suitable name of "The Solar Plexus Club," which consists of two good cooks, three officers on the ways and means committee, anything you wish in the music line, pie line or clothes line. Information concerning this club will be supplied from time to time. As the Goats, Poverty and Lambs are pretty well mixed we may have a new club for next week's issue, but remember the Solar Plexus is in a class by themselves.—Com.

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Consolidated schools will be introduced into Alberta this year and provision for this purpose be made by legislation at the next session. This announcement was made by Hon. J. R. Hoyle, minister of education. There will be some amendments to the education act of the province, the principal one being to make provision for the establishment of consolidated schools in the rural portions of the province. Most of the changes will be minor ones to make for the smoother working of the act. The minister of education has recently made investigations as to the operation of the consolidated schools in Manitoba and Ontario, and also in some of the American states. In districts where the expense of conveyance can be borne, he is of the opinion that it would be advantageous to have the children conveyed to a large central school, instead of being taught in isolated small schools.

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Local News

Fred Crawford is in the village from B.C.

We are glad to see our new council at work.

Oliver Grant was a Calgary visitor last week end.

Mr. McMeekin of Staveley was in town on Saturday.

Mr. Wm. Smith of High River was a Cayley visitor last Wednesday.

Mr. C. F. Wilkie of Spokane, Wash., is a visitor in town this week.

Mr. Herb. Mackus is in town in the interest of Edmonton real estate.

Mr. L. Stevens has purchased the Fraizer quarter section, three miles east of town.

Rev. Mr. Scragg returned to Inneshall on Saturday morning, accompanied by Mr. W. Hicklin.

Little Donny Crawford, who is under the doctor's care, is getting along as well as can be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Stead of Nanton were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Scragg one day last week.

Mr. H. E. George's car of stock arrived all safely Thursday night, which is quite an addition to his present herd.

A number from here attended the social and dance given at Coleraine last Wednesday, and report a good time.

Mr. W. R. Phillips is able to be around again, having been laid up for the past three weeks. He says it is a treat to be out again.

Mr. Heislegle of Steeveville was down for a few days last week, looking after his interests around the berg. Reports the weather very reasonable at times.

Mr. Farmer, now is the time to get that harness repaired and oiled, so as to be ready when the day comes. J. W. Bradley can do the job up slick, and don't you forget it.

The ladies' guild of the Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. Evers on Saturday afternoon, a full attendance being present their business was well discussed and plans laid for the future.

The annual meeting of the ladies' aid will be held in the Methodist church on Thursday afternoon. A full attendance is requested, as at this meeting the officers for the ensuing year will be installed.

Don't forget the bible class Wednesday night at 8 o'clock sharp. Start on time and stop on time. A profitable time while you are there. The Sunday school lessons will be followed each week, which will be found very interesting.

Cayley School Report

Following is the report of the Cayley school for January:

Grade ix:
Earle Caspell.....54
Ethel Mann.....43

Grade viii:
Charlton Wickens.....75
Mary Barnes.....71
Harold Mann.....52
Fern Barker.....20
Margaret Robertson.....15
Cora Barker.....absent
Ethel Robertson....."

Grade vi:
Angus Scobie.....90
Eunice Kellar.....72
Ruth Barnes.....61
Ethel Barker.....45
Dan Burns.....12
Minnie Stevens.....absent
Philip Burns....."

Grade v:
Kenneth Walker.....73
Everett Keller.....67
Raymond Walker.....57
Francis Boyd.....54
Earl Walker.....36

Grade iv:
Norman Bradley.....78
Ivy Scobie.....73
Kaleigh Ralph.....68
Marie Bourdon.....68
Clifford Vance.....46
Clinton Keller.....43
Ernest Latham.....22
Enrolment, 28.
Average attendance, 22.55.
Percentage of attendance, 90.20.
J. G. Ferguson.

Standing of pupils in primary department:

Grade iii:
Marjorie MacRae
Ina Boyd
Cecil Burns
Muriel Walker
Grade ii:
Lynwood Walker
Raymond Burns
Willie Bradley
Alec Bourdon
Harold Walker

Grade i:
Frankie Keller
Rowena Elves
Clifford Walker
Harold Elves
Gordon Vance
Beatrice Beaton
Beulah Stevens
A Class
Belle Boyd
Wong Him Sing
Aloje MacRae

B Class
Grace Stevens
Spence Douglas
Mabel Stevens
Bessie Beaton
Lates-Marjorie MacRae, Aloje MacRae, Spence Douglas.
Pupils enrolled, 28.
Percentage of attendance, 81.54
Average attendance 19.57.
S. Sigurdson.

During this off time of the year it would be just as well to get that harness of yours repaired and oiled at J. W. Bradley's, so as to have them ready. They will be needed very soon now.

And while we are at it, let no person forget that Premier Sifton had nothing to do with bringing the A. & G. W. into being. That was the blunder of a previous government. All that Premier Sifton did was to drive it out of the way, and he has done that very successfully.—Albertan.

And in its heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful way in which Premier Sifton has lifted this province (by the useful and timely aid of the Privy Council) out of the horrible muddle in which Alberta has been put in by its successive governments, the country is going to drive Sifton and his government out of office—when he gives them the chance—so say those wicked Conservative papers.

CAYLEY HAS A SENSATION

With a dark lantern and a lighted match—
That's the way old Guy got caught.

Perhaps not any of our citizens who went to roost one particular night last week were aware of the momentous fact that Cayley was on the eve of a great and nearly blood-curdling tragedy—one that would have had all the sensational features of the most up-to-date blood and thunder kind ever told in the early history of Indians who pitched their tents and built wigwams where now stands the present town's dairy—the village pump, around which the red man hung his trophies—scalps—of his encounters with the paleface—but such was the case.

On the night in question, at the bewitching hour of midnight, when the little elves and faeries make sport, the peaceful sleepers who were left to guard the untold wealth-laden vaults of the town's bank, where awakened with a start. Listening with abated breath, a dull sound was heard at the front of the bank. Again that ominous noise was heard. Burglars, by jingo! A creepy feeling was felt by the now alarmed listeners under the fifth rib, their hair suddenly shooting up like bristles on a hog's back. With lightning speed all the six shooters, Winchester, 22's, tin pea shooters, together with ammunition, fire crackers, crackers and cheese, were collected and put in the most strategical positions about the bank. Doors and windows were barricaded with boxes, tables and a few copies of old Hustlers. Then all of a "sudden" panic seized a big pair shoes, and out of the back door they went, dragging a man with them. Over mountainous snow drifts they went, onward over the village pump, finally landing at the pool hall door with a thud.

Holy smoke!—no, not old Smoolky. Here, only by six shakes of a dead lamb's tail was a 'horrible tragedy averted. Behind those doors were some of the boys engaged in a game of "hunch," and tearing it was the village "cop," began crawling through a knot hole.

But when they heard the 'arrowing tale of the "scarit" bank men they quickly recovered from their fright, and joined in the procession back to the bank, the office cat and two pet calves bringing up the rear. All were armed to teeth—except those who hadn't cut their 'igh teeth, each shouldering a pea shooter and a squirt, and as an extra protection a copy of the last edition of the Hustler.

"Sh—" whispered one of the noble braves, all looking at a dark object huddled up by the front door of the bank. The foremost warrior fired live shots from a revolver at the object without having had any effect, but the first shot from a pea shooter had the desired effect, and the bundle began to move, which almost caused a stampede.

Great Caesar! What a sight met their astonished gaze. 'Nuff to turn a 'cart of stone. There sweetly sleeping lay a devotee of bacchus, suffering from an overdose of tangle-iez.

Here the curtain drops.

The first edition of chickens hatched out on Jan. 30th, 1913, are open to inspection at the home of Mrs. Dan Keller. Ten chicks out of ten eggs is not too bad for the month of January. They are all alive, but we would appreciate them more if they were about four months older and dead.

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